

HEDMARK FOUR-DISTRICT STEVNE

(for Hedemarken, Nord-Østerdal, Sør-Østerdal, and Odalen og Vinger Districts)

August 18-19, 1995

Madison, Wisconsin

TO THOSE HAVING ROOTS IN HEDMARK, NORWAY:

Your Pre-Registration Materials for the upcoming Hedmark Stevne (gathering of Hedmark descendants) are enclosed. The Stevne will be held:

WHEN: Friday, August 18 - 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and
Saturday, August 19 - 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. (see enclosed schedule)

WHERE: Holiday Inn Madison Southeast
3521 Evan Acres Road, Madison, WI 53704 (see enclosed map)

COSTS: \$15.00 per person - Registration Fee
\$15.00 per person - Friday night banquet (buffet-style)

The Planning Committee has developed an exciting program including genealogy, heritage, attempts to identify cousins among stevne attendees, discussions about what a bygdslag can and should be, a business meeting, and other related activities. Participants are also encouraged to participate on Saturday afternoon in the Second Annual Norwegian-American Fest, held in the nearby Dane County Exposition Center, or to sightsee at Koshkonong Prairie or Little Norway; costs for these are not included in the Stevne Registration Fee. If you'd like to spend time researching at the Vesterheim Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library on days before or after the Stevne, call them to make an appointment at (608) 255-2224.

If overnight lodging is needed, a limited number of rooms for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights are being held at the adjacent 4 Star Inn until August 1, 1995 only at a flat rate of \$35.00 plus tax per night for up to four people per room. Please make your own reservations with and payments to: 4 Star Inn, 3535 Evans Road, Madison, WI 53704, (608) 221-3331; mention that you are attending the Hedmark Stevne.

Also, camping and RV parking facilities are available 7 miles from the Holiday Inn at Kamp Kegonsa, 2671 Circle Drive, Stoughton, WI 53589, (608) 873-5800. Rates are \$12 for camping and \$16 for hookups per day. Make your own reservations by June 15, 1995.

Please fill in the enclosed "Cousin-Finding Worksheet" as completely as you can and bring it with you to the Stevne. Also, please read "Some Thoughts for the Administration of a Bygdslag" in order to facilitate the formation of one or more bygdslags on Saturday.

To make our Stevne more meaningful, festive and successful, please bring (some or all!):

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| * <i>Cousin-Finding Worksheet, completed</i> | * <i>Family charts and histories</i> |
| * <i>Bygdeboks & other genealogical sources</i> | * <i>Bunads for Friday banquet</i> |
| * <i>Information on Hedmark history & heritage</i> | * <i>Heirlooms from Hedmark</i> |
| * <i>Ideas for future stevne sites & programs</i> | * <i>Norwegian cookies or goodies</i> |

PRE-REGISTER BY AUGUST 1, 1995 so that we may make all the necessary plans in a timely fashion. Upon your arrival, there will be a table at which you can pick up your name badge, banquet ticket and other Stevne materials. Mail the enclosed Pre-Registration Form with your check payable to "Hedmark Stevne" to: Roland Krogstad, 2718 Regent St., Madison, WI 53705. Questions? Call Roland at (608) 238-6652.